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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/575,711 :  
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FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATING :  
SAMPLE AND IMMUNOLOGICAL :  
ASSAY METHOD USING THE :  
SAME :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.